GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK AIDED MAHARASHTRA FORESTRY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank aided Maharashtra Forestry Project started in 1992-93 has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the funds meant for this project have been utilized;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for non-utilization of funds as per schedule; and

(e) the details of other World Bank aided forestry projects going on in Maharashtra at present alongwith their completion schedule?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank aided Maharashtra Forestry Project has been completed on 31st March 2000.

(b) This project was started during 1992-93 with a total project cost of Rs. 431 crores (IDA credit US $ 108 million) to be utilised over six and half years. The project was granted an extension of eighteen months from 30/9/98 to 31/3/2000 and has since been completed on 31/3/2000.

(c)&(d) As against the project cost of Rs. 431 crores, Rs. 416 crores have been spent under the project. Funds to the extent of 96 % have been utilized for the project in rupee terms, whereas in dollar terms the utilization is 79 % due to fluctuation in exchange rates and depreciation of rupee vis-a vis dollar.

(e) There are no World Bank Aided Forestry Projects presently under implementation in Maharashtra.